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***Abele Names John Listinsky as Human Resources Director
Listinsky's Decades of Experience in Private-Sector HR Lauded***

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele on Thursday named John S. Listinsky, a personnel executive who has held senior posts at several major companies, as the Milwaukee County director of human resources.

“John is an innovator who possesses great skills developed through his leadership in top HR positions at major private-sector employers,” Abele said. “His depth of experience will enable Milwaukee County to become more efficient, provide better service and improve accountability.”

Listinsky, 57, said he looked forward to working with Abele and the County Board to further develop Milwaukee County’s human resources management. “My experience in managing human resources in a variety of businesses and settings will allow me to offer best-practices and new ideas that can improve the way we administer HR at Milwaukee County and build on the talented staff already in place,” he said.

Listinsky has been director of human resources since 2009 for the global unit of Thermo Fisher Scientific, of Two Rivers, which employs 1750 workers. In that position, he developed strategy and managed implementation for all HR services and labor relations at four locations in the U.S. and Mexico.

Between 1985 and 2006, Listinsky held four top HR positions for Anheuser-Busch Companies, including as senior manager of human resources. In that position, Listinsky managed personnel and labor issues over four locations for 3,400 employees and 12 unions, creating, implementing and monitoring HR policies and procedures.

After working at Anheuser-Busch, Listinsky served as director of human resources for Pearl Companies, of Peoria Heights, Illinois, until 2009.

Listinsky’s background includes six years, from 1979 to 1985, as an organizer and field representative for the Service Employees International Union’s Northern California Region, where he was responsible for contract negotiations in both private and public sectors.

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Listinsky earned a B.A. in economics and political science from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and a Master of Industrial & Labor Relations from Cornell University.

Listinsky would lead the county's Division of Human Resources, which handles recruitment, classification, compensation, development and retention of a talented, skilled and culturally diversified workforce. About 5,600 employees work for Milwaukee County. The appointment is subject to County Board confirmation.

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